



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R26-0566
SEP 28 2026

REVISED PUBLIC REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT WITH
HELLER WALDRON & PEPPER, INC.
TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE LOS ANGELES
POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD) PRODUCTION AGREEMENT WITH 44 BLUE
PRODUCTIONS, LLC**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

In this report we ask that the City Attorney be authorized to execute a brief Representation Agreement with Heller Waldron & Pepper, Inc., (the Firm) for the Firm's highly specialized expertise in entertainment transactional law in order to represent the City in the negotiation of a potential television production agreement with 44 Blue Productions, LLC (the Production Company). This Firm was chosen after this Office completed a competitive process to obtain entertainment transaction counsel for this matter.

Only partners of the Firm will be handling the negotiation with the Production Company. The Firm's team consists of partners Wendy Heller and Kevin O'Connor. Kevin O'Connor will serve as lead negotiating counsel and will manage the negotiations on a day-to-day basis until the production agreement is executed.

The \$15,000 in funding that this Office believes is needed for this matter has already been encumbered by the Los Angeles Police Department and has already been transferred to the City Attorney's Office Outside Counsel Account.

For these reasons this Office recommends that this request be approved and that this Office be authorized to execute a Representation Agreement with the Firm.

Recommendations

1. That the City Attorney be authorized to enter into a contract with the law firm Heller Waldron & Pepper to assist with the Program for an initial term of one year and in an initial amount of \$15,000;
2. That the City Council authorize the transfer of the funding from the LAPD into the City Attorney's Office Outside Counsel Account; and
3. That the City Attorney or her designee be authorized to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at barak.vaughn@lacity.org. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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